



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Amir M. Saffarian  
Serial No.: 08/828,022  
Filing Date: March 27, 1997  
Group Art Unit: 2876  
Examiner: Jamara A. Franklin  
Title: *AUTOMATED SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CHECK  
AMOUNT ENCODING AT A POINT-OF-SALE*

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

**BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the Application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please refer to the attached sheets showing a marked up version of the amendments to the claims.